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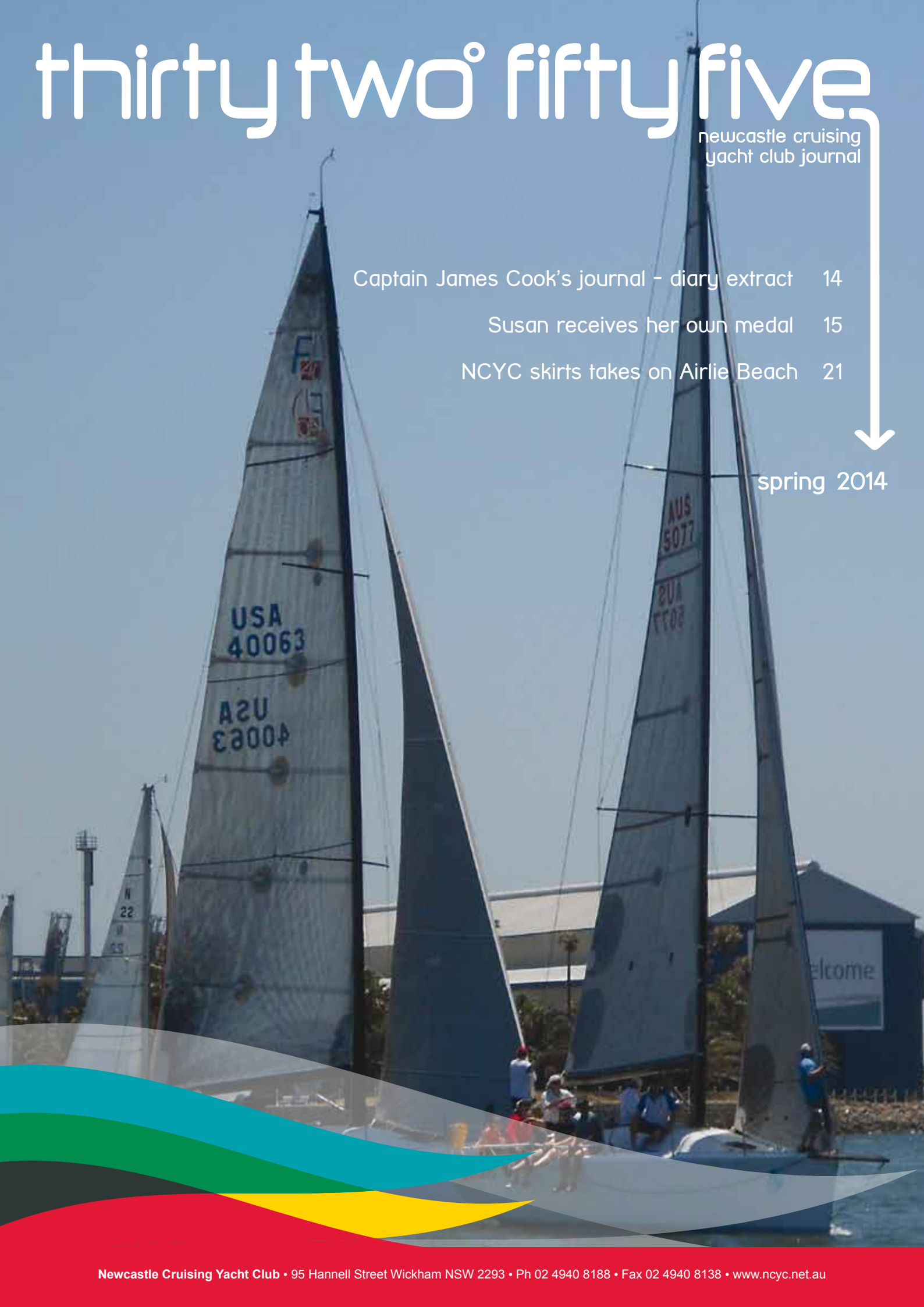
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Commodore's Message



Our 20th Annual General Meeting was conducted on Thursday 14 August 2014. The Board appreciates the interest shown in Club activities by those attending. I am pleased to advise that the current directors were reinstated for the 2014-2015 year.

The team consists of:

Commodore: Phil Arnall

Vice Commodore: Jim Holley

Rear Commodore: Kym Butler

Club Captain: Ernie Thirkell

Treasurer: Larry Curtis

Director: Tony Lobb

Director: Steve Rae

The meeting highlighted significant issues relating to the 2013 – 2014 year:

- The Club produced a solid operating result in challenging times.
- We were able to pay down \$150,000 of our debt. Since 2010 the Club has reduced its debt by 50% to \$1,740,000.
- The Club added to its on and off water assets base with the purchase of equipment in the order of \$400,000.
- We continue to invest in maintaining and upgrading our assets, particularly the marina.
- Our sailing activities had a busy year and will expand further into small boat activities including sail training and development following the acquisition of the Force 24 keel boat fleet (refer to Rear Commodore's Report).



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The opportunity was taken at the AGM to brief the meeting on the strategic planning process conducted by the Board over the last 12 months. Director, Steve Rae (who championed this process on the Board, with the invaluable assistance of our member Clive Jones) presented a summary of the plan. This will be available on the Club's website and has the vision to "Get Newcastle Sailing".

At its cornerstone the strategic plan addresses Club activities and Board responsibilities including:

- Building participation in sailing
- Approving and maintaining responsible financial management
- Maintaining and growing our assets
- Providing valued services to our member base

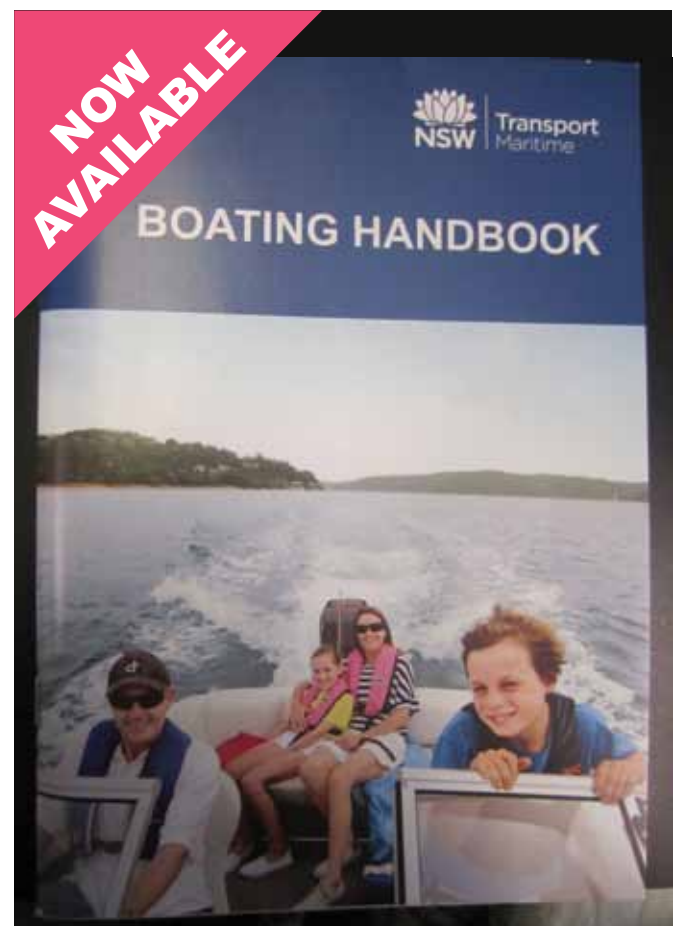
Captain Ernie Thirkell had the pleasant task of announcing Honorary Membership to Ted de-La-Garde, a long standing Race Official and fine Club Member. Unfortunately Ted was unable to attend as he was in hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

I would like to thank my fellow Directors for their efforts over the past year in the Boardroom and around the Club. We are fortunate to have a talented team.

Finally, I look forward to seeing a greater participation in our sailing activities for the Spring and Summer calendar.



Phil Arnall, Commodore



Rear Commodore's Report



The Club has yet again been well represented in the CYCA Landrover Sydney to Gold Coast race which started on July 25th. Three boats represented the Club in this event which is arguably the second major offshore national race to the Sydney to Hobart.

The boats had a few days of champagne sailing north. *She's the Culprit* attained a credible second in PHS with *Anger Management* a fifth in IRC Division 2. *Frantic* placed 6th in IRC Division 1.

It has been gratifying in the last few months when visiting other yacht clubs and meeting with other sailors to sense the high regard that this Club is held within the sailing community. Our constant punching above our weight in major offshore racing supplemented with the successful running of the recently held Australian IRC Championship has placed the Club in a position to further establish itself as a major blue water offshore sailing club.

I would like to welcome the newly formed Sailing Development Committee chaired by Phil Ashley-Brown. This committee will be in charge of developing new areas of sailing within the Club. However, its initial task is to develop the programs to utilise our new fleet of Force 24s. It is an exciting time in the Club. We are very grateful to RPAYC for the opportunity to purchase these boats. The boats are especially suited to training both adult and youth sailors. Phil has written separately in this magazine and outlines the future uses of the



Butlers Business & Law Trophy Awarded for the Best Performing NCYC Yacht in the Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race. Trophy was accepted by Mel Ford on behalf of Michael Martin, *Frantic*

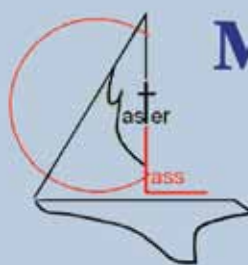
boats. I am sure that the breadth of activities involving the boats from adult sail training to match racing and incorporating schools and universities will be a game changer for this Club.

As I am writing this report, we are having the Enviro-Pacific Inner Spring Regatta on 30th August and 31st August. I am sure this series will be as successful as the previous events and be a suitable curtain raiser for our 2014 to 2015 summer series. We have boats such as Australian IRC champion and Sydney to Hobart champion *Wild Rose* entered. For our Club and this event to attract such competitors further confirms the high regard we are held in by the sailing community. I had the pleasure of being the Master of Ceremonies at this year's well attended Sailing Presentation Night. It was commented by many people who were lucky enough to attend that this was one of our best nights. It brought home to me not only are we a serious yacht club, that we also have a great camaraderie, with a very loyal and proud membership who not only enjoy each others company but are very supportive of the Club.



Kym Butler, Rear Commodore

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Chief Executive Officer's Report



Winter appears to have come and gone at NCYC this year without the cold snap nor consistently strong westerlies generally experienced!

The Club has fared well over the Winter period with great support from the members and local community

in keeping numbers up during the toughest months of the year. This is a credit to NCYC's staff who have continued to re-energise the Club with interesting events, new menus and good upkeep of the facility.

Around the precinct and marina facilities, staff and contractors have been chipping away on repairs and maintenance projects and preparing spaces for the arrival of two new tenants to NCYC's precinct: Glencore who have taken the residual space above the Club and Clark Shipping who will be moving in to NCYC's old Administration & Marina office in early October. We welcome both tenants and hope they enjoy the working environment NCYC has to offer.

As foreshadowed, NCYC's Marina, Administration and Sailing offices have recently shifted location to Suite 4 of the Commercial Centre now located on the South Eastern ground level corner of the building. The marina amenities remain located upstairs however the Sailing Office has also shifted down with the Marina & Administration Office. Signage is located on the building identifying the new location and please don't hesitate to drop in when you need assistance with an enquiry.

The winter series for both the keelboats and Lasers has



New location for Marina, Sailing & Administration Offices.

now finished with reasonably strong numbers in both fleets. Many thanks to our volunteers and staff that have assisted with the running of racing events and organising functions at the Club, which is enjoyed by all. With the 2014-2015 Sailing Handbook complete, the *Paul Gleeson* RIB now in use and NCYC's new fleet of Force 24s being prepared for summer, the 2014-2015 sailing season looks like it will be jammed packed with events. The Club is focused on building participation rates so please don't hesitate to contact the Club if there is any assistance we can provide to get you on the water this coming summer (as a crew member or boat owner).

Lastly, I have recently had the opportunity to travel to the West Coast of the US to sail in some Farr 40 regattas. When travelling overseas I always observe how other yacht clubs go about their business and am attentive of the facilities and services other yacht clubs provide for their members.

On reflection NCYC can be very proud of the location and facilities it possesses which really are world class. That being said, if you observe a good idea at another yacht club, big or small, during your domestic or global travels, please send me a note and a photo for consideration. NCYC is always willing to consider new ideas and member services offerings.

I look forward to seeing you in the Club or on the water over the coming months.

Richard Howard, Chief Executive Officer

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NCYC - Our Club



Dear Members and Guests,
The end of the Winter Sailing Series signalled the Annual Sailing Presentation Night which was well attended and celebrated in style at the Club. Amanda and Tayler were both fantastic in executing the catering and theming for the event and didn't the Club look great! The night

was enjoyed by all with congratulations going to all the winners in the series.

The Club has been well supported throughout Winter and we are seeing some success on the back of some quality meals coming out of The Galley Restaurant and also our functions business. Some of our Club members took advantage of the Winter special promotion on our functions space and it was a pleasure to assist with planning and hosting their events at the Club.

With Winter now behind us we decided do some Spring cleaning at the Club. The replaced carpet and fresh paint job has the Club looking new again!

Over the past few weeks we have finalised our Spring menu for The Galley Restaurant. We are also taking bookings for Melbourne Cup Day 2014 festivities.

See you all in the Club soon!

Michael Thrift, Club Hospitality Manager

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STAFF PROFILE Tayler Hoffman

Most of you would already be familiar with my face as I have been working for NCYC since July 2011 and recently was promoted to the new Functions & Events Manager.

In my spare time I enjoy yoga, going to the gym and I also like to dabble with a little painting in acrylics and watercolour when time permits.

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MEMBER PROFILE Robin Hillery

Robin is the ultimate NCYC member: participating in sailing and social events; assisting with greeting other yachts entering our Marina or; volunteering his time and skill such as in the recent excursions to tow our six newly purchased Force 24's from Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club to NCYC.

Robin's sailing experience has included skippering his own H28, *Warrain* in NCYC races, being a delivery crewman for yachts competing in major offshore events and "Short Handed" races aboard both *Warrain* and *Etosha*. Other highlights of his short sailing career have been crewing aboard *Mr Christian* in the Ocean 11 race to a barbecue on Lord Howe Island, and crewing on *Freyja* for two consecutive trips to the National Wooden Boat Festival in Hobart.

For Robin, official sailing began at the Club with the inaugural NCYC Australia Day Regatta in 2004 – of course, *Warrain* competed in the single event, The Australia Day Cup. Our Sailing Committee was formed, we obtained an aquatic licence and in 2004 our sailing fleet consisted of 14 boats which were soon divided into two divisions so that all competitors would get in at roughly the same time. This allowed for an afternoon barbecue and drinks on the Marina while the results were done. At first, division 1 had only three yachts, with the remaining 11 comprising division 2. In division 2, *Warrain* raced to the IDM and back. Division 1 competitors did the same course twice.

Ever since our NCYC Rum Runners tradition was established, Robin has been one of the first to put up his hand to give a hand. In fact, he has always been a reliable volunteer whenever needed, from assisting berthing boats, to cooking barbecues.

A few weeks before the Licenced Club building was ready for occupation, members had a working bee to clear the grounds of construction rubble and lay turf. This was followed by a casual barbecue and drinks in the shade before a guided tour of the new Club. Robin and his accomplice Neal have the dubious honour of being the first and only people to dance on our Club ceiling! A horrified George Keegan noticed them walking across ceiling tiles on the floor rather than going around them: the duo danced off "with a bee in their bonnets"!

Robin was one of the small group of members who at the invitation of the licensee, John Pugh, started the NCYC Friday Night Raffles at the "Royal Albion Yacht Club". Robin, Neal Kibble, Wally (Warren) Amos, Tom Panton and Ernie Thirkell were a dedicated team, raising money on behalf of our Club for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Appeal. With the opening of our licenced premises in 2008, Robin and Ernie continued the raffles

at the new location and Kris Rickard joined their team, eventually taking over from Ernie. Over the years, the many thousands of dollars raised for the Rescue Helicopter, PHSSC Juniors and The Mission to Seafarers, can definitely be attributed to the driving force and inspired salesmanship of Robin Hillery, our dedicated group of sponsors and huge support from members and guests.



It began with the Rogues Lane Cup! From left: Col Jordan (Sienna), Scott Lawrence (Lady Kara) and Robin Hillery (Warrain) who joined them for race 2.



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Social Highlights

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THANK YOU

My name is Wendy Walker and I am from Mansfield in Victoria. I was fortunate enough to be out on the water on Wombat on Sunday 6th July and experienced a wonderful day, but unfortunately during the afternoon I lost a silver ring that my late husband had given me nearly 65 years ago. I rang the club on Monday to see if possibly it had been handed in and YES it had.

I would like to say to the person or persons who found it "thank you so much and you will never know how grateful I am".

Cheers, Wendy

PS: Many thanks to Adam behind the bar for all his assistance.



OUT NOW!

We have 5 copies of the new DVD All Is Lost which will be included as raffle prizes.

Laser Sailing Report by John Searl

Image by Ray Blackburn

Winter Laser Sailing is underway with 3 weeks of sailing completed with 9 races being contested.

Welcome to newcomer Tom Stivano who is giving his older and heavier rivals some strong competition.

Numbers have been down but as the weather warms up we will hopefully see more sailors drag the covers off their hibernating boats and hit the water.



Force 24s have arrived

**Phil Ashley-Brown, Chair
Sailing Development Committee**

The club's approach to sail training and attracting new people in the sport has taken an exciting turn with the arrival of six Force 24 yachts which have been purchased from the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club where they had been used for training, match racing and crew development.

The boats had their first outing at NCYC on August 17 with a keen group of sailors who took them out for three very exciting races in front of the club house.

You can expect to see them out in the harbour being used in all aspects of sail training from putting up a spinnaker, to tacking, to backing a yacht into a pen (with no engine!).

To start with we're establishing a school holiday program, a program for women and a basic learn to sail course. We know there's a big demand for women's sailing and for basic learning sessions and we're hoping to get going with these as soon as we can. From there we'll look at fleet racing, creative ways of using the boats and we'll incorporate the full suite of accredited YA courses.

The biggest challenge in the first place is getting our sail trainers accredited and familiar with the boats. So if you're interested in putting your hand up to get accreditation and to work as a sail trainer, let us know.

Over the next few months we're working towards Try Sailing Day which is on October 26 and we'll use the Force 24's to give members of the general public the opportunity to go for a sail. We'll also make some Lasers and yachts available on that day. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated.



Club members getting hands on experience with the Force 24s.

John Searl is working with the Sailing Development Committee to set up the Club's Sailing Academy. John has already extensive experience working with Australian Rugby co-ordinating volunteers and setting up training systems and he already has recruited some local young people from the CYCA Academy to work as sail trainers. You'll see Murray Jones, Nina Long and Sam Ellis out on the boats and we look forward to welcoming more people into the training pool. Put up your hand if you're keen!



Force 24s Open Day held in August

A big thanks to Ernie Thirkell and everyone who helped to bring the boats back from Pittwater and to Richard Howard for seeing the potential in the Force 24's in the first place.

Sailing

Presentation Night held 19 July

The Prestigious Overall Pointscore winners for the 2013-14 season are, in the keelboat division *Novocaine*, *Warrain* and *Marta Jean* and in the laser division *Stormy Weather*.



Congratulations to Warrain, skipper Robin Hillery for winning the Overall Pointscore in PHS Division 2. Photo by Ray Blackburn.

The Gun Boat for 2013-14 is *Anger Management*.

The Butlers Best Performing NCYC Yacht in the Rolex Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race was awarded to *Frantic*.

The Tenacity Award, an acknowledgement of commitment and dedication, was awarded to Greg Jackson.



Thank you Greg, left in picture, for your tenacity and commitment to sailing. Jim Holley Vice Commodore presenting the award. Photo by Ray Blackburn.

NCYC Laser Division Overall Pointscore winner *Stormy Weather* Jo de Kock.

The Presentation Evening was a huge success.
Thank you to NCYC staff.

Paul Gleeson RIB



On 4 July, 2014 the Gleeson Family, in conjunction with the NCYC's Laser Dinghy Fleet Sailors, members and guests "Wet the Head" of the Club's newest race committee vessel which was named after well-known former Club Member, Paul Gleeson.



The *Paul Gleeson* RIB will predominantly be used for NCYC inshore events for our Laser Sailing and the newly acquired six Force 24 Keel boats.

Paul Gleeson will be the official starter boat for events, used for setting marks as well as a rescue boat.



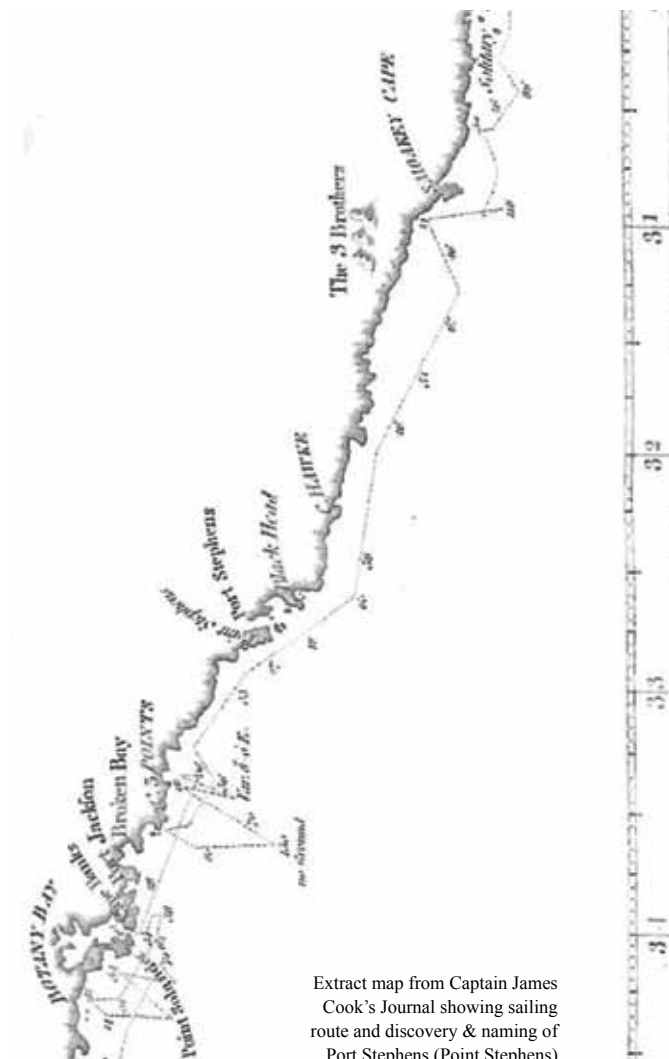
Paul Gleeson rib in action for the laser winter series, Neil Kibble and Steve Hassell onboard.

Around the Harbour

Article and image by Allen Fairhall

The following is an extract from Captain James Cook's Journal of his first voyage Vol III describing his discovery of Nobbys Headland and discovery and naming of Port Stephens on Thursday 10th May 1770.

1770 May Monday 7	Points, bore S.W. distant five leagues. Our longitude from Botany Bay was 19 E. In the afternoon, we saw smoke in several places upon the shore, and in the evening, found the variation to be 8° 25' E. At this time we were be two and three miles from the shore, in twenty-eight fathom; and at noon the next day, we had not advanced one step into the northward. We stood off shore, with the winds northerly, till twelve at night, and at the distance of about five leagues, had seventy fathom; at the distance of six leagues we had eighty fathom, which is the extent of the soundings ; for a the distance of ten leagues, we had no ground with 150 fathom.
Tuesday 8	
Thursday 10	The wind continuing northerly, till the morning of the 10th, we continued to stand in and off the shore, with very little change of situation in other respects; but a gale then springing up at S.W. we made the best of our way along the shore to the northward. At sunrise, our attitude was 33° 2' S. and the variation 8° E. At nine in the forenoon, we puffed a remarkable hill, which flood a little way inland, and somewhat resembled the crown of a hat ; and at noon, our latitude, by observation, was 32° 53' S. and our longitude 208° W. We were about two leagues distant from the land, which extended from N 41 E to S 41 W., and a small round rock, or island, which lay close under the land, bore S. 82 W. distant between three and four leagues. At four in the afternoon, we puffed, a the distance of about a mile, a low rocky point, which I called Point Stephens, on the north side of which is an inlet, which I called Port Stephens : this inlet appeared to me, from the fast head, to be sheltered from all winds. It lies in latitude 32° 40', longitude 207° 51, and at the entrance are three small islands, two of which are high; and on the main near the shore are some high rounds hills, which at a distance appear like islands.



Extract map from Captain James Cook's Journal showing sailing route and discovery & naming of Port Stephens (Point Stephens)



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Susan Receives Her Own Medal

Images by Evan Walton

Local Optometrist and Club sponsor and member Dr Susan Walton was recently awarded an Order of Australia Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Susan has volunteered with the Special Olympics for almost 20 years and is now the Regional Clinical Advisor Asia-Pacific for the Special Olympics Lions Club International Opening Eyes Program.

Opening Eyes is a volunteer run program that performs eye examinations and provides spectacles where required for the athletes competing in Special Olympics Games at State, National and World Games. Susan has volunteered at three World Games in USA and Dublin, Ireland and has organised the program for all our Australian National Games since 2002. She especially enjoyed being involved in our recent events in Newcastle - the Junior National Games 2012 and the Asia-Pacific Games 2013.

Susan reports that since 2002 here in Australia the Opening Eyes program has tested 2061 athletes and provided them with 392 pairs of spectacles, 77 pairs of prescription sports or swimming goggles, as well as 624 pairs of fashion sunglasses to those athletes who do not need a prescription. All of the materials - frames, lenses and sunglasses are donated worldwide by large optical companies (Safilo and Essilor). Funds are provided on a worldwide basis by Lions Clubs International. Susan's job is to encourage optometrists and optical dispensers to volunteer to her team to be able to provide these services and then coordinate everything.

"Some of my volunteers are initially a little reluctant if they have not previously worked with the special needs population. However after volunteering with our Opening Eyes team they know how rewarding and enjoyable the experience is". Susan says that introducing the Special Olympics experience to her colleagues over the years has been terrific as well as sharing her passion with her husband Evan and daughter Hannah (both NCYC and volunteers at each event since 2002).



A competitor from Myanmar (Burma) has their eyes examined at the Special Olympics.



A member of the Pakistan Special Olympics having his eyes tested by Susan.

"This award was indeed a huge surprise and I feel honoured to be recognised. However the time I spend volunteering with the Special Olympics athletes, their families and coaches is always a highlight for myself and my family. They are an amazing group of people and I like to think of their abilities - not their disabilities - which are truly shown

in the Special Olympics arena. There is always fun and laughter and sharing of their medals." says Susan.

The work continues as Susan is currently preparing for the SO National Games to be held in Melbourne in October this year.

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In Search of Americas Cup

Article and images by Raylene Roddom

Whilst in San Francisco we took the opportunity to have a look where the “Americas Cup” would be held. First of all we googled to find the location, caught the bus, walked toward the water and found St Francis Yacht Club.



Not being yachties we presumed this must be it, so asked for a photo, admired the wealth of trophies in the showcase and casually asked how excited they must be to be holding the “Americas Cup”... imagine our surprise when the reply was “ oh no! we are not hosting it, Golden Gate Yacht Club further along is.”

After a hasty exit, we managed to find the correct Club, but alas, it was closed! (midweek) so we just took some photos out the front. Lucky for us, the secretary was inside and came out to see who the strangers were lurking around. He happily told us the story of how the committee organising the Americas Cup initially approached St Francis YC and offered them the event, but St Francis YC insisted that they be on the committee and have a control of decisions. They would not agree to this and so he approached the smaller and less glamorous Club down the road, who happily agreed, and hence were given the big event.

The secretary of The Golden Gate Yacht Club posed with the two burgees and allowed us the run of the premises to take whatever photos we wanted and assured us that our burgee would take pride of place in the Club collection.



Golden Gate Yacht Club and NCYC's Burgees

On our way back we took a photo of two yachts practising in front of Alcatraz and to our amazement on the wall of NCYC's Club was a painting with the identical scene, ...yes it was Oracle.



Photo taken by Raylene of Alcatraz.



Painting inside NCYC Club.

Our burgee is now living at the Golden Gate Yacht Club and hopefully had an inside view of the world's biggest yachting event.

International Certificate of Competence (ICC)

If you are heading to Europe and plan to charter a boat you will need an ICC.

To obtain an ICC, you either need to have successfully completed an RYA Day Skipper practical course or undergo a 3 – 4 hour assessment which includes your knowledge of International Collision Regulations, chart work, navigation, manoeuvring and sailing.

For further information on the ICC contact:

Chris Griffiths of Master Class

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Midcoast Boat Yard and Marine - Hit List For the Annual Lift

Article and Images by Joe de Kock

Come time for the annual lift for inspection and maintenance of underwater parts, it's good practice to have a bit of a hit list ready for yourself to do DIY, or to arrange for the work to be carried out by the boat yard.

Procedure once lifted

While the underwater area is still wet it should be cleaned with a high pressure water hose and any solid growth should be scraped off. Then the hull should be visually inspected checking all through hull fittings: running gear, anodes and, the condition and adhesion of antifoul (blistering or bubbling under the paint). Note any abnormalities and seek professional advice if needed.

The hull should be thoroughly sanded with "wet and dry" paper while wearing appropriate protection. Never dry sand as the dust is highly toxic. Be sure to remove the underwater grates and scrape out the thru hull fittings to remove growth.

Underwater mechanical components should be serviced ie props and shafts/sail drives/ stem legs etc.

Tips when antifouling

Apply masking tape along the waterline in preparation for antifouling. The antifoul can be applied by roller, or professionally by spray which gives a more even and smooth finish subject to how well the surface has been prepared. Because some brands are not compatible, it is important that the same antifoul as previously used, is applied to inside the through-hull piping as well. A hard antifoul should not be applied over a soft antifoul.



Boat being lifted at Midcoast.

There are specific areas which should be coated with a different antifoul that does not have constituents that affect the metals. These areas are: Running gear (propellers, shafts, saildrives, sternlegs) and approximately a 400mm square of the hull around the saildrive.

This sometimes includes a similar area of the hull around the rudder on yachts (depending on what material the rudder stock is made of). Intake grates can be antifouled all over and refitted, and anodes replaced. In all cases with antifoul, seek professional advice if unsure.

If you are going to polish your hull topsides, it is recommended that it be done either before you start preparing the under-hull area, or the very last job before launching. This is because polish contains silicon which is the number one enemy of any boatyard painter. It prohibits the adhesion of the paint. If the boat is polished first, the silicon is sanded and washed off in the "wet and dry" preparation and process. If polished last the silicon will not affect the paint that is already applied. There are some very good silicon based antifoul systems for running gear on the market now. However, these products rely on the rotation of the propellers at least every two weeks to work most efficiently. If you do not use your boat on a regular basis seek professional advice as to which product is best suited to your needs.

Take care on the waterways and enjoy your time on your boat.



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NCYC Photo Competition

Category: "Maritime"

All NCYC members are invited to submit an image for the Summer 2014 competition.

Conditions of Entry:

- Photographer must be a current member of NCYC.
- One high resolution entry per person per issue.
- Send electronic format to: info@ncyc.net.au.
- Deadline for entries: Friday 7 November 2014

Winning entry: By Greg Jackson. Greg will receive a 12x18 inch colour print of his photograph from Newcastle School Portraits.

Judged by Peter Field.

Newcastle School Portraits

Highly Commended:

1 - Greg Jackson 2 - Kevin Abrahamson 3 - Jeff Dawson



The Mission to Seafarers

Article and Images by Rick McCosker

Winter – it has well and truly hit Newcastle. Cold winds and high seas would not, we would think, be conducive to a day of leisurely sailing.

During periods of rough weather there is occasionally a slowing down of shipping traffic up and down the Harbour. This does not necessarily reduce our workload at the Mission as we have found on occasions. The inclement weather and some down-time for one of the coal loaders meant some extra time at Kooragang for one particular vessel. This vessel carried a crew of twenty four and because of the extra time in Port we were able to convey a total of twenty eight crew to our Centre which is some sort of record in this day and age of fast turn arounds. Unusually, the captain was able to come ashore twice which made for a happy captain and happy crew. Mother Nature can sometimes be on the side of the seafarer!

During the month of June we attended the Commemoration for the Merchant Navy on the foreshore. It was a moving ceremony and we, as Chaplains, were given the opportunity to offer prayers for merchant men and women, past, present and future. Their importance to us as Australians was acknowledged by those present.

Our re-furbished Mission Centre continues to be utilised for meeting and social occasions by various Port users, schools, church and service groups. This is pleasing for us to see our Centre being utilised by groups for their functions, providing an occasional opportunity for some interaction between visiting seafarers and Newcastle residents.

During the past twelve months much work has been carried out by some enthusiastic workers through the work-for-the-dole system, under the supervision of Russell Cunningham. Much has been achieved, especially an outside area for the seafarers to relax when they're visiting our Centre - we owe much to Russell and his workers.

Sea Sunday is celebrated throughout the world – in Newcastle a wonderful ceremony was held on Sunday 13th July at Christ Church Cathedral. During the ceremony many seafarer-tools of old were presented by the Sea Cadets, Bishop Greg gave a stirring homily, the Cathedral Choir was in fine voice and the Canony of the Port was conferred on our Chaplain Garry Dodd.

This is an honour bestowed on very few and we congratulate Garry, who now becomes the Reverend Canon Garry Dodd – we now have a big gun at the Mission! After the ceremony Bishop Greg led a blessing of the Port, for all those who sail and work in it.



Refurbished and relaxing outside are at the Mission Centre

The upstairs office space has now been leased and we welcome Adam, Diane and the staff of Skildare to our premises.

The Mission to Seafarers has now been granted Deductible Gift Recipient status, so any cash donations \$2 or over can be claimed as a tax deduction. Donations of cash, men's clothing, novels, magazines and men's toiletries are always welcome.

We wish all members happy and safe sailing!



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Boat Procession
&
Blessing of the Fleet

Sunday 14 September 2014

All Welcome

By Scott Morris

It's a bit quiet on the Game Fishing front this time of year although we have a few members traveling down south to do battle with some Southern Bluefin Tuna between 45 – 80 Kg. There have also been some members catching a few yellowfin and sighting a few blue marlin. If you are very fit or have an electric reel, there have been some nice bar cod & big kingfish out on the shelf.

Now is the time to do all the maintenance on your tackle & boats as the season is fast approaching! Keep your eye on our website page for announcements regarding our AGM & end of year presentation dates will be announced shortly. www.ngfc.com.au

You will notice on the NCYC fuel wharf the new NGFC weigh station. This will be fully operational by September 2014 ready for the upcoming season. It is very exciting for us to have this complete as it will allow us to stage our very own game fishing tournament. We are in the early stages of planning but we hope to hold this in February 2015. This will bring a large number of competitors, boats & visitors to showcase everything the beautiful NCYC Marina, Club & Newcastle have to offer.



Brad (crew member) on the boat
Attrcn skipper by David Teasel



Just a reminder it is now time to renew your 2014-2015 commitment to the Newcastle Game Fishing Club.

Membership fees remain unchanged and can be paid by cash, cheque or direct deposit to the Club's Bank account (BSB: 062 821 A/C 10238093). Please ensure your membership number is used as reference so payment can be applied to your account.

Please note we are unable to process payments to credit cards or via eftpos.

Adult Male - \$80 Adult Female - \$80
Small Fry (6-11 yrs) - Free Junior (11-16yrs) - Free

See you on the water!

Article and Image By Bill Quirk

Towering sheer above the San Fruttueso Bay and Portofino coast, this ancient sheer cliff face buttress falls into the Golfo di Genova to 12m to 15m then the bottom levels to 20m for about 200m then drops into oblivion.

Underwater, surge and kelp particles reduce visibility to about 10 – 15 metres.

Here I am, sitting on the feet of the 'Cristo degli Alissi' at a shallow 17m I thought... "not the best for a photo op, but I should have brought the NCYC burgee" oh well maybe next time.

Aquatic life is minimal, drab colours, a few schooling fish and mid-sized groper..... but a dive on the magnificent bronze statue of the "Christ of the Abyss" makes an early morning in the Italian Riviera a memory.

As I understand it, the monks of the 12th Century medieval Benedictine Abbey of San Fruttueso undertook to create a monument to all those who died at sea, during the wars and in particular a chap, Dario Gonzatti, the first Italian to use scuba equipment who died near this spot in 1947. The monks set about collecting (over several years) the bronze from shipwrecks and aeroplanes sunk in the Mediterranean and many individuals donating their bronze war medallions, to the monks.

The result is this 8 ft bronze statue of the "Christ of the Abyss"



Christ of the Abyss.
Portofino Divers – Santa Margarita Liguria Italy
Email: info@portofinodivers.com

It must weigh about 7 tonnes and was submerged at 17 metres approximately 1 kilometre off the beach off the abbey. (Google it.... it's a great read).

The sailing is not bad either, from Genoa, then hug the coast to Portofino, Santa Margarita (fantastic), Cinque Terre and La Spezia are all spectacular. Not much breeze, but you've just got to do it!

By Howard Keegan

Winter has come and gone with only a few days of nasty weather. A few mooring lines needed adjusting along with a couple of covers that had to be removed to eliminate flapping, so overall it was pretty good but let's not get complacent as we may still get a few strong westerlies over the next few months. Please remember to check your lines and fenders.

Transient business continues to be strong of recent with many yachts passing through en-route to enjoy warmer climates in Queensland and participate in the many island based sailing events over August & September. We have also seen a number of visiting boats use our facility as a final Australian stopover to obtain Customs and AQIS clearance before they travel on to Pacific destinations for a few months. All have advised that Newcastle will be their port of call for clearance back into the country later in the year. It was good to see a shipment of 15 boats in early August from America giving a short term boost to the local economy while they prepare their vessels for transfer to their home port. We also saw some lovely new motor vessels transiting to and from the Sydney Boat Show using our facilities for overnight stopovers to refresh the crews and refuel the boats.

A warm welcome to the new long term berths on our marina as well. Some boats have relocated from Port Stephens while other owners have shifted their home base to Newcastle and brought their boat along. I trust they all enjoy their stay with us. Our long term occupancy is steadily improving with further enquiries coming in so the future looks promising.

Safe Boating!



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NCYC's Skirts Team Take on Vision Surveys Airlie Beach Race Week

Jan Howard, skipper of *Schouten Passage*, and the NCYC Skirts crew sailed at the Airlie Beach Race Week 8-15 August.

The Regatta media reported tough racing conditions for day 1 resulting in "damage to rigs, rudders and reputations". Lucky for Jan and the crew, their experience sailing offshore Newcastle has prepared them for the occasional strong winds and choppy seas.



IRC Cruising Division 1 (Spin) entry Schouten Passage crew Kris Anderson, Mary Holley, Jane Woodward, Jan Howard, Tracey Hanson, Anika Goninan, Sarah Howard, Maureen Rae and Sharon Lovell (Image: Andrew Vampp)

Day three saw the crew working like a well-oiled machine, resulting with 4th position out of a fleet of 19. After competing in six racing events, NCYC's *Schouten Passage* with the Skirts team finished the series 8th overall in the IRC Cruising Division 1 (Spin) of Airlie Beach Race Week in some tough and windy conditions.



This was the first ever regatta for the NCYC Skirts and the culmination of hard work and confidence on behalf of Jan Howard & Mary Holley.

The crew would like to give special thanks to these two inspirational women, along with wonderful "Boat Boy" Rob, fabulous coaches Liam, Will and Troy, the *Schouten Passage* delivery crew, all the Skirts back home and the wider NCYC community for their support and encouragement. All hands are up for the next adventure. Go Skirts!!



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 - c. Warners Bay Jetty
 - d. Speers Point Jetty
3. Fill in your membership and contact numbers.
4. Put the form in the box provided.

Closing Date: Friday 31 October 2014.

To submit a photo of our burgee flying:
info@ncyc.net.au - subject "burgee competition".



"Where in the world WAS our burgee?"

Big White Ski Resort, Canada
Photograph by Amelia Beckwith
Winter 2014 Winner:
James Mullaney

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- Monday 1 September -
2014-15 Sailing Handbook Launch
- Monday 1 September - Safe Boating
by Maritime Boating Education Officer
- Sunday 7 September - Fathers Day,
come treat Dad @ NCYC
- Friday 12 September - HMB Endeavour Ship
arrives at Newcastle
- Sunday 14 September - Founders Day
- Friday 19 September - Talk Like a Pirate Day,
come along in your best Pirate gear!
Live Entertainment.
- Sunday 21 September - Lady Skipper Day

OCTOBER 2014

- Saturday 4 October - Laser Training
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- Wednesday 8 October - Twilight Series Starts

NOVEMBER 2014

- Tuesday 4 November - Melbourne Cup Day 2014

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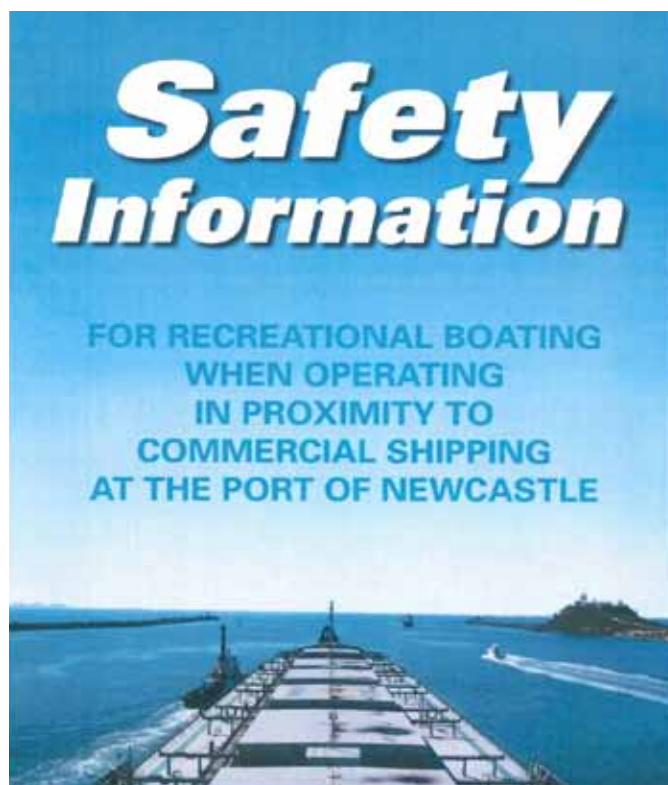
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